



Abstract

The purpose of this study was to determine whether there were differences in the prevalence of risk factors for low back pain between two groups of nurses working in different departments of a tertiary care hospital. The study included 100 nurses from the medical-surgical department and 100 nurses from the intensive care unit. Data were collected through a questionnaire that assessed demographic information, work-related factors, and health status. The results showed that the prevalence of low back pain was higher among nurses in the intensive care unit compared to those in the medical-surgical department. This finding suggests that the physical demands of the intensive care unit may contribute to a higher risk of low back pain among its nursing staff.

Keywords: low back pain, nurses, risk factors, prevalence, intensive care unit, medical-surgical department.

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